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MEMORANDUM FOR:

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SUBJECT : Phase-Out of Project OXCART

25X1 1. The Special Security Center has received information that the OXCART program is being phased out and that community [redacted] should be so informed. All A-12 aircraft have been placed in storage including those formerly deployed overseas. Project Headquarters has also closed out OXCART overseas detachment facilities. Appropriate security phase-out responsibilities at those locations have been finalized including document destruction, courier, movement of classified material to CONUS, as appropriate [redacted] and personnel debriefings. However, a few cleared contracts, of necessity, will retain OXCART clearance status.

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2. It is suggested that [redacted] commence the debriefing of those personnel who no longer will be required to support the phase out or to protect future OXCART operational interests.

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25X1 3. [redacted] must carefully review holders of OXCART clearances to insure that those officials having a continuing requirement for knowledgeability of the program or who require access to [redacted] documents having dual codewords including OXCART are not debriefed at this time.

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4. Disengagement of OXCART cleared personnel associated with TAGBOARD should be accomplished so as not to disrupt continued TAGBOARD efficiency.

5. Report OXCART debriefings to the Compartmented Information Branch/CIA (Room 3 E 47) in the prescribed fashion.

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